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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R) PLO IS EG US
SUBJECT: SOURCE OF JERUSALEM POST STORY ON ALLEGED U.S. - PLO CONTACT

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 5961, (B) TEL AVIV 5959

1. HAVE NO DESIRE FLAY DEAD HORSE, BUT I REMAIN
SOMEWHAT PUZZLED ABOUT SOURCE OF JERUSALEM POST
STORY RE MY ALLEGED MEETING WITH PLO EXCOM MEMBER
DAJANI. NOTE REF A (PARA 3) STATES THAT SAFADI ATTRIBUTED STORY
TO MEMBER OF SECRETARY'S PARTY WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY SEEN A "MESSAGE"
FROM CAIRO SUGGESTING I HAD MET WITH DAJANI. REF B (PARA 8)
CITES RADIO ISRAEL AS CLAIMING STORY ORIGINATED WITH UPI.

2. ORIGIN OF STORY WOULD SEEM TO BE THE SEPARATE MEETINGS WHICH
DAJANI AND I HAD ON AUGUST 9 WITH FAHMY AT LATTER'S MONTAZAH BEACH
CABIN IN ALEXANDRIA. SOMEHOW, WHETHER
THROUGH AN HONEST ERROR OR THROUGH MALICE, STORY WAS DISTORTED
TO SUGGEST I HAD MET DIRECTLY WITH DAJANI. IN SEEKING TO UNRAVEL
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WHAT "MESSAGE" SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE SEEN AND MISINTERPRETED, TWO
POSSIBILITIES EXIST:

(A) ALEXANDRIA 837 REPORTED MY AUGUST 9 TALK WITH FAHMY IN WHICH
HE MENTIONED INTER ALIA HIS MEETING EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH
DAJANI. THAT MESSAGE WAS SENT NODIS AND I WOULD DEEPLY BE
CONCERNED IF IT HAD SOMEHOW BEEN COMPROMISED.

(B) SECOND POSSIBILITY IS CAIRO 13286 REPORTING AUGUST 10 CAIRO PRESS COVERAGE OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION. THIS SECOND MESSAGE WAS LOU AND IN PARA 3 CITES AHAM AS REPORTING THAT I HAD DELIVERED TO FAHMY, AUGUST 8, A "U.S. FORMULA" FROM THE SECRETARY RE PALESTINIAN ACCEPTANCE OF 242, AND THAT FAHMY HAD CONVEYED TO DAJANI "PROJECTED AMERICAN AMENDMENTS". FOLLOWING DAY, AUGUST 9, DAJANI REPORTEDLY FURNISHED FAHMY WITH REPLY, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME FOR FORWARDING TO THE SECRETARY. AHAM STORY MAKES NO SUGGESTION OF A DIRECT MEETING. ALTHOUGH AHAM STORY IS UNATTRIBUTED, I AM CONVINCED SOURCE WAS FAHMY.

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW ANY CAREFUL READER OF EITHER OF ABOVE TWO MESSAGES COULD HAVE INFERRED THAT I HAD MET WITH DAJANI, THE JUXTAPOSITION OF MY NAME WITH THAT OF DAJANI IN EACH COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE CAUSED ANYONE HAVING NO MORE THAN A HASTY LOOK AT THE DOCUMENT (WHICH, OF COURSE, HE SHOULD NOT HAVE HAD) ARRIVE AT A WRONG CONCLUSION. I FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT SUPPOSE IT IS POSSIBLE.

4. DESPITE OUR DENIAL OF STORY, IT DOES SEEM TO ME THAT SOURCE OF THIS MISCHIEVOUS STORY WARRANTS SOME FURTHER INVESTIGATION ON OUR PART.

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